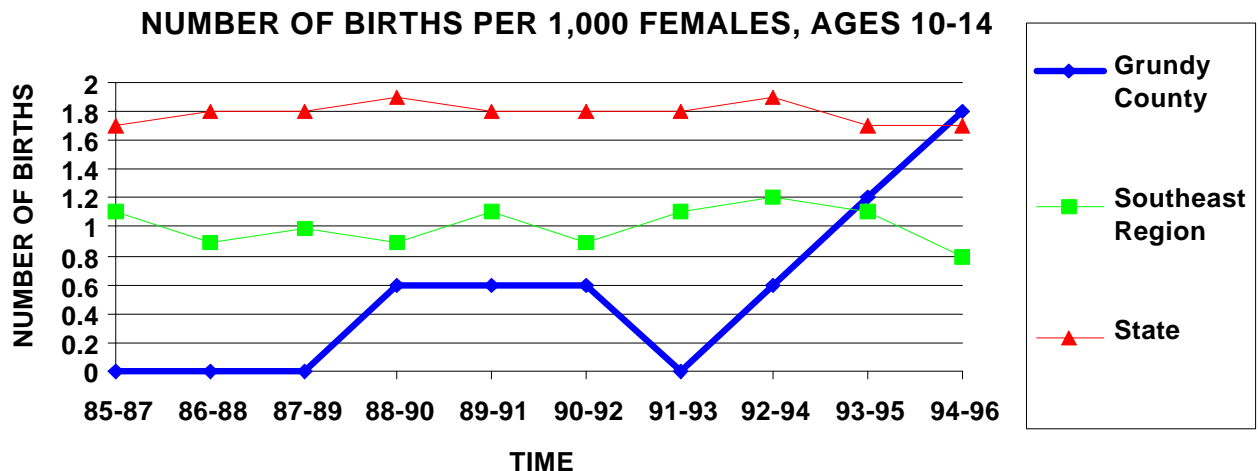


IV. SECONDARY DATA

Secondary data (information already collected by other sources for other purposes) is assembled each year by the State Office of Health Statistics and Information for Grundy County. This data includes county-specific birth statistics, morbidity or disease statistics and mortality or death statistics. The data covers a twelve-year trend and is provided in three-year averages to smooth the trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations in year-to-year rates that may distort the true trends. Grundy County's data is compared to the corresponding Southeast Region (Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties) and state rates, national "Year 2000 Objectives," and includes rates for white, non-white, and all races combined. The secondary data used in the Community Diagnosis Process is described below, with *graphs and tables used to highlight issues recognized as potential problems* by the Grundy County Health Council.

Grundy County Pregnancy and Birth Experience

- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females (Ages 10-44)** - The Grundy County birth rate increased slightly between 1985 and 1996. The county's birth rate is higher than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, women of childbearing age in Grundy County give birth to 188 children.
- **Percent of Live Births Occurring to Unwed Mothers (Ages 10-44)** - The county's unwed birth rate remained stable between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate in comparison is lower than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, 25% of all births in the county occur to unwed women.
- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females (Ages 10-14)** - Traditionally, the county's rate has been lower than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. However, between 1985 and 1996 the county's birth rate for women ages 10-14 increased dramatically and overtook the rate for the Southeast Region and the State.
- **Number of Pregnancies per 1,000 Females (Ages 10-44)** - The county's pregnancy rate remained stable between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate is higher than the Southeast Region and is lower than the State. Approximately, 204 women of childbearing age in the county become pregnant each year.
- **Percent of Pregnancies Occurring to Unwed Women (Ages 10-44)** - The county's unwed pregnancy rate remained stable between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate is lower than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. Approximately, 28% of pregnancies in the county occur to women of childbearing age who are unwed.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
GRUNDY	0	0	0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0.6	1.2	1.8	-